

X - THE UNHEARD MUSIC (DVD) - MVDVISUAL

X, the LA quartet that originated in the 70's is considered one of the early and legendary punk bands. The band earned a reputation as one of the better and unusual live bands of the time. This quarter century old movie/concert has been re-released and despite the 70's punk feel and music style the theme of the DVD certainly seems more relevant to its original 1986 release date. The DVD starts with the statement to 'Play this film loud' and throughout features images like the Hollywood sign being blown up and others decrying money, major labels, the mainstream music scene, capitalism, business and society in general. Interviews - both biographical and fun - on life, music, lyrics, poetry writing, influences and other home movie type footage are interspersed with live and video clips. The music segments are almost (intentionally) pushed to the background to emphasis that The Unheard Music is first and foremost a film. X, sometimes compared to The Ramones, have achieved cult status rather than any form of commercial success which they never enjoyed or perhaps even wanted and not surprisingly have also toured in recent years.

The extras or bonus material feature newer interviews with bassist/singer John Doe, singer Exene Cervenka and others like director W.T.Morgan. A 'live outtake' of Some Other Time, original trailer for the film and a song book or photo gallery of the band's work too. - Anna Tergel

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